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ALIEN-AMERICANS ARE AGAINST PROTECTION

It is a noteworthy fact that the same powerful group of industrial and newspaper interests which supported the unopposed enactment of the League of Nations, which has been advocating the expedient of European debt to the United States and which is every minute growing out of the war, has taken sides against the United States in now ready to opposing the enactment of a protective tariff law.

Naturally American newspapers which, whether because they are subsidized or because they are just naturally partisan, always discuss American problems from the viewpoint of alien interests, now against any tariff measure which would benefit the American people. Knowing as they do that the existing tariff law is resulting in the sacrifice of American life, the benefit of foreign industrial interests, they resent the proposal that American tariff legislation should be framed for the benefit of the American people and with a view to the protection of prosperity here at home rather than to the enrichment of alien producers and importers.

The significance of this close relationship between industrial alien partisan ship and opposition to the policy of protection will not be lost sight of by the American people. Americans have known away of foreign propaganda and are no longer inclined to listen to the proceedings of publications which have as their motto "America last."

WEST'S GREATEST INDUSTRY

Five more of the largest copper mines in western states have announced the resumption of operations and on April 1st 11 of the 15 principal mines which closed down one year ago were again working on their properties, although on a greatly curtailed scale. Sales of electric power for industrial purposes in February, continued on the same level as in January, primarily reflecting the activity in lumbering and mining.

Much prospecting and development of small mines is taking place, especially on silver and gold properties. This is due largely to the passage of legislation which encourages these industries along legitimate lines of expansion. Laboring men are receiving the greatest benefit and the government will profit by obtaining new supplies of precious metals.

When mining gains its stride, the whole west booms.

For this reason it is essential that our financial interests extend every credit possible to these industries and that our people get behind the demand for reduction in taxation which is today preventing normal development in many lines.

EVILS OF COLLECTIVISM

Taking issue with a Milwaukee newspaper which declares that "in a fundamental way it is to the interest of the employee to have the industries owned and operated by the collectivity, so that he can get the full value of his labor," the republican publicity associations says: "Theoretically the argument has a very plausible sound. If the workers owned the industries, they could, in theory, save to themselves the profits that now go to the individual owners. But there are several reasons why the theory will not work in practice.

There can be no ownership by the collectivity unless individual ownership is prohibited. If, for instance, each worker in a steel mill owned an equal interest in the enterprise, some of the workers would decide to sell out their interests unless prohibited by law. If permitted to sell at all, the ownership would rapidly pass once more into the hands of a few. The desire to gratify present wants rather than accumulate for the future would cause the many to sell and the few to accumulate.

Assuming that each individual worker were prohibited from selling his interest and each forbidden to acquire more than an equal interest, none would have an incentive to put forth special effort to make the enterprise a success. The tendency would be to develop a spirit of negligence, for what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Equal ownership would mean election of managers by vote of the workers, and this would lead to factionalism, bargaining for votes, and subordination of collective welfare to the

selfish interests of the dominant faction. There would be no likelihood that managers so selected would be efficient in securing results and promoting the success of the enterprise as managers selected by men whose profits depend absolutely on the success of the business.

Collective ownership would not be a safeguard against corruption as demonstrated in numerous cases where cooperative enterprises have been undertaken. Here, again, where everybody's business is nobody's business, there is the greatest opportunity for maladministration.

Collectivism cannot eliminate the profit on capital, unless it is proposed to confiscate property, and start the enterprises anew with the savings which others have accumulated. If the property now owned by individuals is to be placed in the hands of the collectivity, there must be an interest charge on the capital necessary for the purchase, and the interest charge would be approximately the same as the profits of invested capital under the present system. If it is proposed to confiscate the plants now operated, there is no hope to be held out to the collective owners, for if property can be taken from those who own it now, it can be taken later from the new collective owners by some other group. Once the principle of confiscation is admitted as sound there is no limit to its application. If workers can confiscate the factories in which they get their wages, they can later confiscate the farms from which they get their food, and farmers, if they have the power, can confiscate the factories from which they get their clothes. And endless rounds of confiscation means anarchy and rapid descent to barbarism.

"Human progress has been made through recognition of the right of life, liberty and property. Denial of these rights, either in the name of collectivism or otherwise, will mark the beginning of the end of civilization."

CRIME AND JOURNALISM

The opinion of Thomas Mott Osborne, penologist and former warden of Sing Sing prison, regarding the effect of yellow journalism on crime, confirms the judgment of every sensible observer.

"From the front page stories of a certain group of yellow journals," says Mr. Osborne, "one would think the whole world were going to hell. They are not true to life. This type of journalism is responsible to a degree for many criminals who are now serving time behind the bars."

When the historian of the future undertakes to reconstruct the daily life of the present era from our newspapers and works of fiction, he will find himself in peculiar difficulties. From a number of newspapers now circulating, he will be led to infer that the level of taste and morality in our generation was considerably below that of Rome in her decadence. He will find this hard to reconcile with whatever advances we have made in sociology, government and the other arts and sciences over the ages preceding us. Rival histories will be written about us, some painting us in lurid and grimy colors; others seeking to soften this effect by pointing out the law reputation that some of these disreputable papers enjoyed, even in our own time, for probity, sobriety and truth.

When, chronicler of the future, you unearth the present editorial from its dusty files, read the journalistic record of the decade with a tolerant eye. Every newspaper, every record of human activities, every work of art is liable to the danger of misrepresentation, or, as it is sometimes called by the art critics, "falsification of life." In selecting from any mass of details those which are notable or significant, there is always a danger that the result, while true in itself, may not be true to the facts in their entirety. Newspapers deal with the striking events of the day, and the striking event is often the abnormal one. The honest editor tries to counter this by making his news as true as possible, by giving a maximum space to normal expressions of community thought and sentiment, by minimizing evil when possible, and accentuating what is good, and by avoiding the grossly immoral save when there is hope of correcting it.

City administrations in the east are boasting a great saving—in daylight.

POLISH FARMERS RESTORING LANDS

(By Associated Press)

WARSAW, April 25.—(By Mail).—Polish farmers restored 50 per cent of their war devastated land to cultivation last year, the ministry of agriculture reports. In 1920, Poland has 1,200,000 acres of tillable land laid waste by war and resulting neglect. By the end of 1921 this figure was reduced to 600,000 acres.

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INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

May 19, 1922, 10 A. M.

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